CONSTITUTION OF THE U.MASS STUDENT TELEVISION ASSOCIATION
Alternative Video Project WTOY

1. NAME. The name of this organization shall be the U.Mass Student Television Association -- Alternative Video Project WTOY

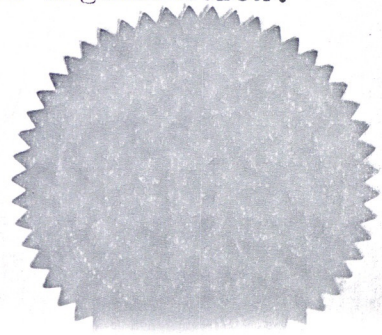
2. PURPOSE. The purpose is to serve the entire university community by providing creative, uncensored, student-controlled programming, as well as informative (news, sports, campus activities, etc.), educational, entertaining, and human communication through video between the various members of this community.

3. BASIC PRINCIPLES. Alternative Video Station WTOY was conceived as a potential solution to the increasingly obvious lack of effective channels of communication among the various members of the university community. This communications break-down becomes particularly evident in times of crisis, but is as much an obstacle to understanding and harmony in the day to day life of the community.

   WTOY will try to ensure free access to the medium of television to all members of the university community by the provision of an "open studio" in which any group or individual can use the resources of Alternative Video Project WTOY as soon as enough equipment becomes available. Each group will be completely responsible for what it produces. All programs must be signed by the originating group or individual. Open studio will hopefully ensure balanced public debate on issues relevant to this community as well as providing a means for any campus group to inform the community of its activity. Although the students will have full control of the tv station, the administration, faculty, and departments will have full, free, uncensored, and equal access to the open studio.

4. MEMBERSHIP. Active membership is open to all students, undergraduate and graduate, who have fulfilled the necessary training and participation requirements. For the first year of operation these requirements will be determined by the three station coordinators.

5. OFFICERS. There will be three station coordinators who will be responsible for running the station. There will also be a treasurer who is an undergraduate, who will oversee the financial accounts of the group, and who will be responsible to the three station coordinators. There shall also be an emanuensus who will handle publicity, correspondence, and scheduling. These officers will be elected each year by simple majority of the active membership of the organization. Any officer may succeed himself.



6. RECALL. All officers are subject to immediate recall by a majority vote of the active members of the association.

7. MEETINGS. Meetings can be called by any of these station coordinators, or by a petition of ten members of the association. Meetings must be called at least once a semester.

8. FINANCES. The group will observe all RSO financial policy regulations.

9. AMENDMENTS. Any active member may initiate an amendment which must be presented one month before vote. Ratification requires a two thirds vote of the active membership. Once the group has ratified an amendment, this amendment must be presented to the activities committee of the Student Senate and then approved by the Senate before becoming legal.

10. REVIEW. After the first year of operation (by Jan. 31, 1972), the active members who have participated in the first year will meet and decide whether this constitution is adequate for the existing needs of the Student Television Association and for the concept of student controlled television on this campus.